REMARKS:

1)   Referring to Item 10) of the Office Action Summary, the Examiner
     is requested to indicate the acceptance of the Formal Drawings
     filed on August 22, 2003.

2)   Claim 10 has been amended into dependent form, particularly
     depending from claim 1. Thus, claims 10 to 15 are now directed
     to a method-of-making the specific product of claim 1.
     Otherwise, the claims have not been amended.

3)   In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby
     elect the product claims 1 to 9 for examination.

4)   The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed in that the
     non-elected method claims have now been made <u>dependent from</u>
     <u>elected product claim 1</u>. The method claims are thus now directed
     to a <u>method-of-making the specific product according to claim 1</u>.
     Dependent claims 10 to 15 thus incorporate all the limitations
     of claim 1, and can only be infringed if claim 1 is also
     infringed.

5)   If the elected product claims are ultimately found allowable, the
     Examiner is respectfully requested to <u>rejoin, consider and allow</u>
     <u>the dependent method-of-making claims 10 to 15, in accordance</u>
     <u>with MPEP §821.04 and §2116.01</u> ("if applicant elects claims
     directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently
     found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or

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otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined" MPEP §821.04).

6)   Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 15, are respectfully requested.
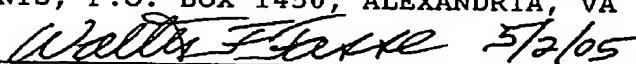
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